STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
DISCUSSION AND ACTION SESSION AGENDA
November 13, 2012
Minutes

The Board will meet in open session and after determining the presence of a quorum, deliberate and possibly take formal action, including emergency action, on the following agenda items:

1. Call to Order

The State Board for Educator Certification convened its meeting at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 2012 in Room 2-160 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas.

Present: Dr. Cain, Ms. Bricker, Ms. Everest, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Loredo, Mr. Allard, Ms. Druesedow, Mr. Berry; Ms. Bridges arrived at 9:28 a.m.

Absent: Dr. Culwell, Mr. Trevino, Ms. Pogue, Ms. McCall, Ms. Robison

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2. Board Response to the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report Recommendations Relating to the State Board for Educator Certification, Including Its Proposed Abolishment and Transfer of Its Powers and Duties to the Commissioner of Education

Joan Allen, TEA Deputy General Counsel, explained the process and procedure to respond to the Sunset Advisory Commission report.

Dr. Cain shared her statement to the Sunset Advisory Commission with the Board and informed the members that if the Board agrees with her statement, she will speak on behalf of the Board, and stated that if the Board does not agree, she will speak on her own behalf as an individual. Dr. Simpson read his letter to the Sunset Advisory Commission and Mr. Allard reviewed what he planned to say to the Commission. Ms. Bricker stated that, based on how the Board is currently functioning, she could not oppose the Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation that the Board be abolished. She expressed her concern that the Board's structure is not policy-oriented enough, and also regarding the lack of information the Board receives on hearings of disciplinary cases. Ms. Bricker reviewed her letter to the Commission and the Board discussed.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Everest to accept Dr. Cain's statement to the Sunset Advisory Commission on behalf of the Board. Second was made by Mr. Allard. The motion carried with Ms. Bricker abstaining. Motion carried.

Dr. Cain adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.